
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON LIPOA POINT.

1 WHEREAS, the new acquisition of Lipoa Point presents
2 significant challenges for the Department of Land and Natural
3 Resources regarding the management of a vast, porous, and
4 complex land; and

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6 WHEREAS, Lipoa Point consists of two hundred forty-four
7 acres of natural pristine land, forest, coastline, and open
8 space once used to grow pineapple; and

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10 WHEREAS, Lipoa Point includes an access trail to the
11 Honolua-Mokuleia Bay marine life conservation district that is
12 heavily used by snorkelers, a heavily used unimproved access
13 road that leads to scenic views of the coastline, and trail
14 access used by many surfers; and

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16 WHEREAS, Lipoa Point's primary public value in its current
17 condition is as an open space with key access points to the
18 shoreline with associated cultural values, wildlife
19 preservation, and access to the ocean for recreational
20 opportunities; and

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22 WHEREAS, many issues arise with the acquisition of this new
23 parcel, such as public safety, security, sanitation, resource
24 protection, and appropriate land management; and

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26 WHEREAS, a plan is critical in managing an area so vast and
27 with many competing public interests, and it requires the
28 coordination of several respective departmental divisions and
29 collaboration with community stakeholders; however, there is no
30 departmental division authorized with the collective authority,
31 skills, or responsibilities to ensure the best use of Lipoa
32 Point; and



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2 WHEREAS, there are community resources available to assist
3 in developing a community-based management plan to assist the
4 Department of Land and Natural Resources and thereby minimize
5 the outlay of resources dedicated to this project; and
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7 WHEREAS, there is a need for a plan to provide the basis of
8 management direction that balances the obligation to protect the
9 quality of the waters, determine stakeholders' interests, and
10 clearly define the ancillary long-term policies, goals, and
11 costs associated with public use; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
16 and Natural Resources is requested to submit, no later than
17 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
18 2016, a report to the Legislature on Lipoa Point, including:
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20 (1) Recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a
21 Lipoa Point Management Council to explore options to
22 protect and preserve the area's condition, provide
23 support for the community, preserve cultural and
24 recreational access, and protect the pristine marine
25 environment;
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27 (2) Recommendations on resources required to protect and
28 preserve Lipoa Point; and
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30 (3) Any proposed legislation; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
34 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of the County of
35 Maui, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, Save Honolua Coalition, and
36 Aha Moku Council for Maui.
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